

Academic Offerings

This section contains descriptions of programs, majors, minors, areas of concentration, fields of specialization, and courses. Semesters following course titles indicate when each course is normally offered. On rare occasions, a course may not be available when indicated because of low enrollment or unexpected staffing changes.

Courses listed as Fall Odd and Spring Even are scheduled to be offered during the 2011-2012 academic year. i.e., fall 2011-2012 is Fall Odd, spring 2011-2012 is Spring Even.

Political Studies

General Major- Political Studies 201, 202, 210, 214, 245 or 333, 310 or 312, 319, 370; Political Studies 322 or Criminal Justice 323; Political Studies 373 or 393. A preapproved off-campus program can substitute for Political Studies 373 or 393.

General Minors-

Political Studies: Political Studies 201, 202, 210, 310 or 312, 333, 370; one from Criminal Justice 305, Economics 321, Political Studies 373, Sociology 216.

International Politics: Political Studies 201, 210, 312, 370; Economics 321 or Theology 322; History 225 or 319 or an off-campus international program pre-approved by department. [Note necessary prerequisites for non-departmental courses.]

Public Policy and Administration: Political Studies 201, 202, 214, 245, 333; one from Agriculture 290, Biotechnology 213, Communication 228, Criminal Justice 302, Economics 315, Political Studies 373, Sociology 216, depending on vocational goals/interests. [Note necessary prerequisites for non-departmental courses.]

For descriptions of *SECONDARY* and *ELEMENTARY* majors, minors, fields of specialization, and teaching endorsements, see pages 111-134, *Teacher Education Program*.

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- 201 **Introduction to Politics (3)**Spring
An introduction to the political dimension of life from a biblically-oriented perspective. Examines the components (political culture, ideology, institutions, etc.) that shape and direct the principles and practice of politics in the contemporary world. Special attention is given to a major world issue (e.g., nuclear arms) to stimulate students to develop a Christian political consciousness. [Cross-listed: CORE 262]
- 202 **American National Politics (3)** Fall
A general introduction to the American political process—its foundations, external influences, institutions, political actors, and policymaking. [Cross-listed: CORE 264]
- 210 **International Relations (3)**Fall
An introduction to the contemporary relations among states with a consideration of the issues of war and peace, international organizations, law, integration, political economy, interdependence, and relations among the superpowers.

- 214 **Community Politics (3)**.....Spring Even
Provides a basic introduction to the political process at the state and municipal level, examining the role of the individual citizen, various groups, and governmental institutions. Attention is given to the special policy needs at the state and community level, their links with the federal government, and the particular character of local politics.
- 245 **Introduction to Public Administration (3)**.....Fall Odd
Provides an introduction to the interdisciplinary field of Public Administration. Subjects to be considered include the role of the public service in society, public service values and ethics, accountability and political control of the public service, the budgetary process, organizational forms in government, human resources, principles of public management, and new forms of delivering government services.
- 281- **Service-Learning (1-3)**.....Fall, Spring, Summer
283 See page 161, Individual Studies
- 310 **Foundations of Political Thought (3)**..... Fall Even
A study of the emergence and development of political thought, examining the contributions of Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Aquinas, and others through the use of both primary and secondary sources.
- 312 **Contemporary Political Ideologies (3)**Fall Odd
Explores the competing views of the social order embodied in the major ideologies and movements of the 20th century; topics such as liberalism, conservatism, democratic socialism, feminism, environmentalism, and other contemporary variations are discussed.
- 319 **Modern Middle East (3)**.....Spring Odd
An in-depth study focusing on developments in the Middle East during the 20th century. Topics include de-colonization; “modernization” and the tension between western ideologies and Islam; Palestine, Israel, and the peace process; regional and global relations during and after the Cold War; the impact of the oil economy; urbanization; gender and family relations; and contemporary issues like water resources, ethnic conflict, human rights, and leadership change. Prerequisites: CORE 140; History 212; or by permission of instructor. [Cross-listed: History 319]
- 322 **American Constitutional Law (3)**.....Spring
The American Constitution as interpreted by the Supreme Court. An analysis of leading cases contributing to an understanding of both the historical development of constitutional law and the recent developments in constitutional law in reference to civil liberties. Prerequisite: junior standing or by permission of instructor. [Cross-listed: Criminal Justice 322]
- 333 **Public Policy (3)**.....Spring
Provides a general introduction to the public policy process in the United States, including an exploration of the socioeconomic and cultural context, the defining characteristics of the political system, and various phases in the policy process. Special attention is given to selected policy issues such as energy and the environment, criminal justice, poverty, health care, and immigration.
- 341- **Special Topics (3)**Occasional
348 Each of these courses is designed to be of special interest and value to students utilizing strengths and skills of individual instructors. Each topic is concerned with material not normally treated in depth in regularly scheduled courses.
- 370 **Global Security Issues (3)**.....Spring Odd
This seminar course examines the challenges facing world security in the twenty-first century, including arms proliferation, ecological threats, economic globalization, ethnic conflict, resource scarcity, political economy, and human rights.
- 373 **Field Experience in Politics (3)** Fall, Spring

Students complete a limited field experience in a politics-related area. The experience is aimed at providing exposure to the type of activities in which political studies graduates are likely to be involved as professionals. Three hours of course credit is to be based on the completion of 8 - 10 hours on the site per week plus one hour of work determined in consultation with the supervising member of the political studies department for 14 weeks. Deadline for application for the spring semester is November 1; deadline for the fall and summer semester is April 1. Prerequisites: political studies minor or major; junior or senior standing; approval of the department.

391- **Individual Studies (1-3)**Fall, Spring, Summer
393 See page 161, Individual Studies